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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR,SO,IT  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF SIAD BARRE

REF: ROME 16356

1. SOMALIAN PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE PAID ONE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT  
TO ITALY FOLLOWING THREE DAY PRIVATE VISIT, SEPTEMBER 11 DURING  
WHICH HE PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT PERTINI, ATTENDED  
PERTINI'S LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR, AND MET WITH PRIME MINISTER  
ANDREOTTI. SIAD ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT OF IRI (ITALIAN  
STATE-OWNED HOLDING COMPANY) PETRILLI, PRESIDENT OF  
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CONFINDUSTRIA (ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRIES) CARLI, AND  
PCI LEADERS BERLINGUER, PAJETTA, AND GIADRESCO. DURING  
VISIT A MEMBER OF BARRE' DELEGATION, NATIONAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AHMED HABIB AHMED, SIGNED AGREEMENT  
WITH FIAT ON DEVELOPMENT OF SOMALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE  
PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.  
2. IN READOUT SEPTEMBER 13 MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN

AFFAIRS TALIANI SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH SIAD BARRE HAD COVERED FAMILIAR GROUND. READING FROM NOTES TAKEN DURING ANDREOTTI-SIAD BARRE MEETING, TALIANI SAID THAT SIAD EXPLAINED THAT SOMALIA'S DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE HAD NECESSITATED REPTURE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT SOMALIA HAD EXPECTED MORE HELP FROM WESTERN EUROPE. NOW, EVERYONE IS IMPOSING CONDITIONS ON SOMALIA: NOT ONLY THE US BUT ALSO THE BRITISH, FRENCH, AND WEST GERMANS ARE ASKING SOMALIA TO RENOUNCE VARIOUS CLAIMS OVER ETHNIC SOMALIS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND OVER NATIONS TERRITORY. IN THE FIRST PLACE, SAID SIAD, SOMALIA DOES NOT CLAIM ANYONE ELSE'S TERRITORY SO IT CAN HARDLY RENOUNCE CLAIMS WHICH DO NOT EXIST. AS TO ETHNIC SOMALIS, SIAD SAID THAT WHILE GOS DOES NOT PLAN ANY ACTION ON THEIR BEHALF, IT CANNOT RENOUNCE ITS INTEREST IN THEM. SIAD EXPRESSED PARTICULAR WORRY ABOUT KENYA IN AFTERMATH OF KENYATTA'S DEATH. HE SAID THAT SOVIETS ARE ALREADY MOVING TO TAKE CONTROL OF KENYA AND THAT NEITHER BRITISH NOR KENYANS UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING. AS TO HIS OWN SITUATION, SIAD SAID THAT HE IS MORE WORRIED ABOUT ATTACKS ON HIS GOVERNMENT FROM WITHIN SOMALIA THAT FROM WITHOUT AND THAT IF WESTERN HELP IS NOT RECEIVED, HIS REGIME WILL BE THREATENED.

3. AS FOR RELATIONS WITH ITALY, ACCORDING TO TALIANI, SIAD EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND APPRECIATION FOR ITALIAN AID. HE SAID  
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THAT SOMALIA NEEDS WEAPONS BUT HE DID NOT MAKE ANY SPECIAL ARMS REQUEST OTHER THAN TO CITE GRATITUDE FOR CONTINUED ITALIAN AID TO SOMALIA POLICE. GARDNER

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